



COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION



MONTHLY REPORT

By

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INTRODUCTION:

The monthly reports are a compilation of a number of factors that make up the activity of the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) for the given month. Because the Commission is in its formative stages, the format for this report may change from month to month until we achieve a product with which we are comfortable. At the end of the year our annual report will put the information gathered in the monthly reports in a yearly perspective.

Because this is the first monthly report issued by the Commission it will include some statistical information from November and December 2000. Some parts of the workload section will contain zeroes because the information that will be contained in those categories is still being processed.

The commission has accomplished much in the first months of our existence. They have established the terms of office for each commissioner and have chosen interim leaders. A training program for the commissioners was developed and implemented. Working procedures have been established pending the adoption of formal policies and procedures, which are currently being developed. To date, community outreach efforts have been on a reactive basis. However, a proactive plan has been developed and will be operational when training is complete.

The Executive Director has had the opportunity to read both an Internal Affairs investigation and a Use of Force report. Although neither case qualified for formal action by the Commission, both served as a good exercise that established important standards.

COMMISSIONERS AND TERMS:

November and December 2000 were great beginning months. The commission held its first two monthly meetings and accomplished much in both. In November we selected, by lot, the commissioners whose initial terms would be two, three and four years. Commissioners Egson, Gardner and Goldware will serve until March 2002. Commissioners Garcia, Hendrick and Redsecker will serve until March 2003. And Commissioners Brewer, Howe and Huerta will serve until March 2004. All commissioners will be eligible to serve a full four-year term at the end of their current terms.

Also in the November meeting Commissioners Garcia and Gardner were selected as the interim Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. An election will be held during the February meeting to determine the permanent Chair and Vice-Chair who will begin their terms in March. Also, the commissioners established the fourth Monday of each Month at 6:00 PM as their regularly scheduled meeting date and time.

TRAINING:

The City Attorney's office began commissioner training by giving classes on the Brown Act, the Police Officers Bill of Rights and Records Confidentiality. Additional training began in January with sessions being held one night a week plus the January regular monthly meeting. Formal training is scheduled to end in mid-February with periodic training classes taking place from time to time in the monthly meetings.

CPRC POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

The CPRC has been busy working with the Police Department and City Attorney's office to develop procedures to be used in case evaluation. Additionally, a committee was formed to develop the policies and procedures to guide the CPRC in its activities.

OUTREACH:

Community outreach was begun with the Executive Director and Commissioners going to a total of six (6) community events from November 1, 2000 to January 31, 2001. This included two Mayor's Night Out meetings, a welcome meeting for the Executive Director, Commissioners and the Chief of Police, a meeting of the Human Relations Committee, a Chamber of Commerce breakfast and a monthly meeting of the Riverside Coalition for Public Accountability. A proactive approach to community outreach has been developed to meet departmental goals.

EVALUATION:

The Executive Director reviewed an Internal Affairs investigation and a Use of Force investigation. Both investigations were outside the Commissions jurisdiction. The review was conducted as an exercise to develop an evaluation standard to be used in future cases.

WORKLOAD:**Cases**

	November 00	December 00	January 01
Cases Lodged/Commission*	3	5	4
Cases Filed/Commission	0	0	2
Cases Filed/P.D.	0	0	6
Cases Disposed of /Commission	0	0	0
Total Number of Allegations**	0	0	9
Administratively Closed Cases***	3	5	0

* A complaint is considered Lodged when a citizen makes the complaint and is Filed when they actually turn in the filled out complaint form.

** Allegations will be totaled when the cases are received from IA.

*** Complainants are given 30 days to return the paperwork before a closure letter is sent. In the letter the complainants are told that the case will be re-opened if they send the paperwork in before the 6-month deadline.

Allegations

	U/F	Disc/SH	IDF	ISS	FA	FR	CC	MC
November 00								
December 00								
January 01	2						2	5

U/F = Use of Force, Disc/SH = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, IDF = Improper Discharge of Firearms, ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure,
FA = False Arrest, FR = False Reporting, CC = Criminal Conduct, MC = Misconduct

Policy Recommendations

There were 0 policy recommendations made by the Commission for the three months in question.